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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 January 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Anuff et al., U.S. Patent 6,327,628 B1.

As per claim 1, Anuff et al. discloses an information portal, comprising: a service access interface connectable to at least one service; a portal directory connected to said service access interface; a user access interface connected to said portal directory; at least one user group; at least one user profile; and said at least one user group and said at least one user profile both being related to said at least one service through a configuration of said service access interface and being related to said user access interface through a configuration of said portal directory (column 3, lines 1-57; figure 2 and associated text; column 15, lines 47-67).

As per claim 2, Anuff et al. discloses an information portal according to claim 1, wherein said at least one user profile is assignable to a user (figure 6 and associated text).

As per claim 3, Anuff et al. discloses an information portal according to claim 2, wherein said at least one user profile is configurable by at least one of said user and an administrator (column 3, line 58 – column 4, line 14; column 4, lines 33-38).

As per claim 4, Anuff et al. discloses an information portal according to claim 3, wherein said at least one user profile configuration can specify a portion of said at least one service available to said at least one user (column 2, lines 54-57; column 3, line 58 – column 4, line 14; column 5, lines 1-20).

As per claim 5, Anuff et al. discloses an information portal according to claim 1, further comprising a user authentication engine effective to provide security access to said portal directory and said at least one service (column 9, lines 45-55).

As per claim 6, Anuff et al. discloses an information portal according to claim 5, wherein said authentication engine is operable to maintain an authentication mapping, whereby said at least one user is granted security access to said at least one service by securely accessing said portal directory through said authentication engine (column 17, lines 9-20).

As per claim 7, Anuff et al. discloses an information portal according to claim 1, further comprising: an information summary related to said at least one service; said information summary being updateable when an information content of said at least one service is updated; an indication of an activity in said information portal; and said information content being updateable based on said indication (column 2, lines 1-12; column 11, lines 9-15; figure 7 and associated text).

As per claim 8, Anuff et al. discloses an information portal according to claim 1, wherein said service access interface is a standardized interface effective to connect to a plurality of services in a standardized format (column 2, lines 1-27; column 4, lines 15-45).

As per claim 9, Anuff et al. discloses an information portal according to claim 5, further comprising: a migration tool operable to transfer authentication information from an information

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system to said portal directory; and said transferred authentication information being usable by said user authentication engine effective to provides said security access (column 9, lines 45-67; column 10, lines 1-50).

As per claim 10, Anuff et al. discloses a method of providing organization information, comprising: connecting at least one information source with a user access configuration; configuring said user access configuration to provide access to said at least one information source by at least one user; and providing said at least one user with a customization tool effective to customize presentation of information accessible in said at least one information source by said at least user (column 3, lines 40-67; column 4, lines 1-14).

As per claim 11, Anuff et al. discloses a method of providing organization information according to claim 10, wherein said connecting is performed with a standardized interface with said information source (column 2, lines 1-27; column 4, lines 15-45).

As per claim 12, Anuff et al. discloses a method of providing organization information according to claim 11, wherein: said user access configuration includes at least one user group associated with said information source (column 15, lines 47-67); said user access configuration further includes at least one user profile associated with said at least one user (figure 6 and associated text); said at least one user is a member of said at least one user group; and said at least one user can operate said customization tool to manipulate settings in said at least one user profile to effect said customized presentation (column 6, lines 33-67; column 7, lines 1-56).

As per claim 13, Anuff et al. discloses a method of providing organization information according to claim 10, further comprising: operating a user authentication engine to access said

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at least one information source; and providing said at least one user with access to an information summary related to an information content of said information source (column 9, lines 45-55).

As per claim 14, Anuff et al. discloses a method of providing organization information according to claim 13, wherein said at least one user can directly access said information source through operation of said authentication engine (column 9, lines 45-67; column 10, lines 1-50).

As per claim 15, Anuff et al. discloses a method of providing organization information according to claim 13, further comprising: updating said information summary when related information in said information content is updated; and permitting said at least one user to set an alert when said information summary is updated (column 2, lines 1-12; column 11, lines 9-15; figure 7 and associated text).

As per claim 16, Anuff et al. discloses a method of providing organization information according to claim 13, further comprising: identifying an activity by said at least one user related to said information content; and updating said information content based on said activity (column 10, line 51 – column 11, line 63).

As per claim 17, Anuff et al. discloses a method of providing organization information according to claim 13, further comprising: updating said information summary when related information in said information content is updated; identifying an activity by said at least one user related to said information content; and updating said information content based on said activity (column 2, lines 1-12; column 11, lines 9-15; figure 7 and associated text).

As per claim 18, Anuff et al. discloses a processor operable to execute a program code from a storage memory, said program code comprising: a first code segment executable to connect at least one information source with a user access configuration; a second code segment

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executable to configure said user access configuration to provide access to said at least one information source by at least one user; and a third code segment executable to provide said at least one user with a customization tool effective to customize presentation of information accessible in said at least one information source by said at least user (figures 4-7 and associated text; column 13, lines 7-51).

As per claim 19, Anuff et al. discloses a computer readable media containing a program code executable to provide organization information to a user, said program code comprising: a first code segment executable to connect at least one information source with a user access configuration; a second code segment executable to configure said user access configuration to provide access to said at least one information source by at least one user; and a third code segment executable to provide said at least one user with a customization tool effective to customize presentation of information accessible in said at least one information source by said at least user (figures 10-12 and associated text).

As per claim 20, Anuff et al. discloses a computer network for deploying an information portal, comprising: a service access interface connectable to at least one service; a portal directory connected to said service access interface; a user access interface connected to said portal directory; at least one user group; at least one user profile; and said at least one user group and said at least one user profile both being related to said at least one service through a configuration of said service access interface and being related to said user access interface through a configuration of said portal directory (column 3, lines 1-57; figure 2 and associated text; column 15, lines 47-67; figures 1, 2, 4 and 6 and associated text).

Recent Statutory Changes to 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

On November 2, 2002, President Bush signed the 21st Century Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act (H.R. 2215) (Pub. L. 107-273, 116 Stat. 1758 (2002)), which further amended 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as revised by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) (Pub. L. 106-113, 113 Stat. 1501 (1999)). The revised provisions in 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) are completely retroactive and effective immediately for all applications being examined or patents being reexamined. Until all of the Office's automated systems are updated to reflect the revised statute, citation to the revised statute in Office actions is provided by this attachment. This attachment also substitutes for any citation of the text of 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), if made, in the attached Office action.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 102 in view of the AIPA and H.R. 2215 that forms the basis for the rejections under this section made in the attached Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as revised by the AIPA and H.R. 2215, applies to all qualifying references, except when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. For such patents, the prior art date is determined under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as it existed prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)).

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 102 prior to the amendment by the AIPA that forms the basis for the rejections under this section made in the attached Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

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For more information on revised 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) visit the USPTO website at www.uspto.gov or call the Office of Patent Legal Administration at (703) 305-1622.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- Patent Application Publication US 2002/0018078 A1 to Khan et al.
- Patent Application Publication US 2002/0004387 A1 to Newville.

Examiner has pointed out particular references contained in the prior arts of record in the body of this action for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings in the art and are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant, in preparing the response, to consider **fully** the entire references as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior arts or disclosed by the examiner.

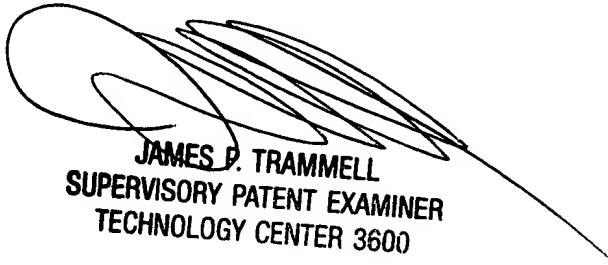
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bradley Bayat whose telephone number is 703-305-8548. The examiner can normally be reached Tuesday – Friday during normal business hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on 703-305-9768. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-746-6128 for regular communications and 703-746-6128 for After Final communications.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-306-5484.

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